

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, or claims in this application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

- 5           1. (Currently Amended) A separating layer carrier comprising a laminar substrate (10) and a separating layer (14) applied thereon, which is suitable for depositing a self-adhesive material provided with a layer of adhesive (20) and comprises a relief structure (22) with raised sections forming substantially complementary channels in the layer of adhesive (20), through which air trapped during adhesion can escape,
- 10           characterized in that the relief structure (22) is provided, at least in part, by an imprint on the substrate (10).
2. (Currently Amended) The separating layer carrier according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the substrate (10) comprises paper.
3. (Currently Amended) The separating layer carrier according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the substrate (10) comprises coated paper.
- 15           4. (Currently Amended) The separating layer carrier according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the substrate (10) comprises paper coated with plastic.
5. (Currently Amended) The separating layer carrier according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the substrate (10) comprises plastic film.
- 20           6. (Currently Amended) The separating layer carrier according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the substrate (10) comprises plastic film coated with plastic.

7. (Currently Amended) The separating layer carrier according to claim 1 wherein the  
~~one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that~~ a separating layer (14) is imprinted on the  
substrate (10) with the relief structure (22) covering the entire surface.

8. (Currently Amended) The separating layer carrier according to claim 1 wherein one  
~~of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that~~ the relief structure (22) is a regular polygonal  
structure comprising polygons having between four and eight corners, in particular  
rhombuses or regular hexagons.

9. (Currently Amended) The separating layer carrier according to claim 1 wherein one  
~~of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that~~ the relief structure (22) is an irregular polygonal  
structure comprising stochastically shaped and distributed corner-joined polygons  
having between four and seven corners.

10. (Currently Amended) The separating layer carrier according to claim 1 wherein one  
~~of claims 1 to 9, characterized in that~~ the relief structure (22) comprises sections  
having a width of from 50  $\mu\text{m}$  to 200  $\mu\text{m}$  and a height of from 5  $\mu\text{m}$  to 40  $\mu\text{m}$ .

11. (Currently Amended) The separating layer carrier according to claim 1 wherein one  
~~of claims 8 to 10, characterized in that~~ each one polygon covers an area of from 0.5  
 $\text{mm}^2$  to 3  $\text{mm}^2$ .

12. (Currently Amended) A self-adhesive ~~Self-adhesive~~ material comprising a separating  
layer carrier according to claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 to 11~~.